

### NYE ON THE ROADS

He Thinks Something Ought to Be Done to Them,

### TO MAKE THEM MUCH BETTER

Efforts to Re-arrange a New and Attractive Male and How They Succeeded—The Young Men on the Seamer.

Every friend of good government and civilization will welcome with a thrill of delight the news that we are going to have better roads in this otherwise well groomed republic. For over a century we have had with each other to see which state and which city would excel in its parks, its living wild beasts, its fairs, its schools and its churches. Ever since the invention of the locomotive, however, mechanics and farmers have fallen over each other in their efforts to see who could be first to trans-



ON THE ASHVILLE ROAD.

wise, grant, bond, mortgage and otherwise give land, right of way, easement, conveyance and general hospitality to railroads, yet in the meantime driving into town on three wheels with the tarred axle of the fourth one riding on a banana pole.

Every industry has preceded the civilizing influence of practical roadbuilding. The time has come for emancipation. We have really overcome the building of railroads, and constructed them through space, hoping that agriculture would overtake the buffet car, but it cannot, because its wagon roads are impossible except to Sraphim.

Men of prominence throughout the country have been receiving for some time well penned letters from the typewriter of Albert A. Pope, of Boston, who has discovered, no doubt, that the reason we crowd into the cities to live is because we can get from one store to another without getting tired.

It is now proposed to make a road department in the exposition at Chicago, wherein may be seen all manner of roads, roadbuilding material, tools, machinery, etc., from a right of way with a rut in the center of it to a sprinkling cart that will wait for the man with the fresh duck vest and the linen trousers and newly polished boots before it will quit.

As originally designed, the roadmaking machinery and material, as well as cross sections of roads, were to be so scattered over the ground, being in fourteen groups, that the visitor must look through five immense buildings, covering 79 3/10 acres of ground, in order to see what the world is doing in the way of making roads.

We have very often home grown products, I know as a farmer, who would yield something if we could take a profitable load to our nearest town, but where we can only draw 500 pounds and take off a wheel on route we find that we had better lose the goods than try to market them under such circumstances. Referring to home grown horses, I will add that we need, if we could afford it, a strain of the better class of blood, such as the Percheron, the Norman, and well known English families dating back to William the Conqueror.

I was never more mortified than last week. I had endeavored on my first farm at Buck Shoals to rear a new and attractive male, and in May we were blessed with a little bunny male of the clay bank variety, bred by a Kentucky papa and dammed on the place.

For years I have not been cursed by pride. Since the artist has been practicing on me with a view to some day illustrating a book called "Life Among the Lowly; or, Eighty Years on the Door for Mephistopheles," I can truly say that I am not proud, but a week ago I went to town with the mother of the new male Marguerite, as I named it time to wean her. So we left Marguerite moored to the well cart and I drove on to Asheville to market a bunch of fat pigs.

The day was beautiful. The odor of clover and the sweet, seductive smell of the axilla seemed to lift me off the seat. A small black hornet also assisted in the great work.

"Oh, joy! oh, joy!" I said, "what a glorious day. Oh, I did not indeed a plumb honey" as we say in Hooper township. The air was impregnated with ozone, and now and then we could hear the hoop of my palfray neighing.

The neighing for her absent child with a mother's sigh. The fact that bitter things had been said about her and social ostracism had come with the little stranger did not deter her warm mother heart toward the little one. True, she could not remember any of her folks who ran so freely to care as Marguerite did, but she lacked not.

When I had carried my fat pig home to the Kentworth inn and brought my palfray with me, for I have to buy hay in order to feed my stock on the farm, so that I can cultivate my farm, so that I can look forward to the time when I can buy more hay to feed my team, so that they will feed strong and well enough to cultivate the soil, so that I will be cheered on to buy more hay for the same purpose.

As I stood at the porch, cooched of the hotel, looking down into the eyes of a beautiful young girl from Tuxedo, who is here for her father's asthma, though he is not here yet, I heard, borne across the beautiful bay of the Saranac, the mellow tones of Marguerite. She came with a furnished party, and Sheridan

some twenty odd miles away was where. There was a rattle of tiny hoofs on the gravel drive, a little glad cry of recognition from the mamma, and the clay bank male Marguerite was monkeying with what is called the material font.

The reader can readily understand how the male Marguerite, by connecting socially with my palfray, had hurt me socially at Kentworth inn, and how the young lady who came here to try the balms and the healing of the North Carolina mountains for her father's asthma excited herself to get a heavier wrap, thereby intimating that there was a coquetry between us, also that I needed a heavier wrap. Anyway, I have never seen her since.

To return to our national roads, it is a wonder that we have, as Americans, so long submitted to the savage and dangerous rule over which we haul our empty, wabbling, worn wagons. The reason is, doubtless, that we generally select our choicest and dearest as to superintend the building and repair of our roads, and in many cities our streets also. He works on the roads in summer and sits on the jury in winter. He is generally a man who is selected because he has never been outside of the county. He is noted for his gravity, gloom and the quality of his mind.

Another reason is the same that has been found to most all farmer movements, though started with the most holy and honest motives, viz., that we farmers cannot, like the residents of cities, see each other every twenty-four hours and plot against other trades. When we have done over nineteen hours of work and another hour's wholesome thought interchange with our call kindergarten, and then mutton tallowed our bunions, we must needs rest in order to be up and combating with the early bird for the ill advised worm.

Still, somehow the foreign peasant in several European countries, far inferior to ours otherwise, has a road over which he hauls a cartload as compared with the silly little convention jag which we see so often here.

I am positive, I had almost said, to a degree. I shot away two solid hours of fireworks here this year, sent to me by the manager of Pain, the international pyrotechnician and faller of Sebastopol, Peking, Rome and other cities that had formed the habit of falling; did it, too, where the celebration of the Fourth of July has so long remained unobserved that the best bird dogs here tried this year to retrieve the common crackers, and looked thoroughly ashamed when they thought they had flushed a three pound rocket; and yet I say that, patriotic and enterprising as we are in other things, in education for instance, and the ambition to have about eight more churches than we can support in each village, together with other real evidences of advancement, we have got the worst country roads that have been permitted since the days when the earth was a vast hot, steaming ball of mud, fit only for a mighty lizard farm.

Some states have by nature a delightful country road. Kentucky was born with good roads. So were Colorado and Wyoming. In the very heart of the Rocky mountains these last two states have a natural roadbed wherever it is needed. Forty and fifty miles per day with an ordinary team is the rule rather than the exception, while in the spring, when the frost is coming out of the ground and the new milk cow is a burden in the land, the rich, deep, black country road of Iowa and Illinois cannot be passed even by a two-thirds majority. But what are we to do?

We may laugh over it if we choose. Some people have a wonderful control over themselves in their grief. Once there was a young man on board our steamer, coming from Queenstown homeward bound, who was the life of the party. When others were ill and had gastritis quite a considerably, he was always our bit of sunshine. He could tell stories—funny stories—tell them so that they sounded like reading from a large leather covered tome, never failing to put in the "said he," or the "oh, she replied," just as the book did. He could play the fiddle—onion and a voluntary on the month organ. He was like a bottle of champagne, ever fizzing and the life of the party all the way over.

When we got to Sandy Hook he broke off suddenly in the midst of a joke and said softly to a passenger whom he led aside behind the smokestack:

"I am gay, as you see; gay to the age. I spread joy among the passengers wherever I go. I am a ray of sunshine—here, there and everywhere. People cluster about me to get a hearty laugh and catch the contagion of my merry atmosphere and enjoy my inexhaustible fund of anecdote, but my heart is really sad on the inside."

"I am going home to bury my young wife. She died in Chicago and will be buried in Brooklyn on my arrival. Have you any idea what it costs to bring a remains from Chicago to New York over the Pennsylvania road?"

Again returning to the matter of wagon roads, let every one who reads this letter resolve that he or she will not rest content till on roads all be equal in every respect to our boundless enterprise in other respects, instead of being at the everlasting tail of barbarism. They are inhuman for one thing. We form societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals and then beat our dumb beasts through swamps and muck holes, over roads that it would bother a porcupine with eleven foot wings to go over lightly.

Let every one with an idea on roads go to Chicago with it, taking along a change of umbrellas and a scrip containing the price of two weeks' board and credit at the home bank.

Mr. Pope also suggests that cross sections of wagon roads be shown at the exposition.

I am collecting a few in North Carolina, and am getting cans made to put them in.

I have not decided yet whether to filter them or not.

*Bill Nye*

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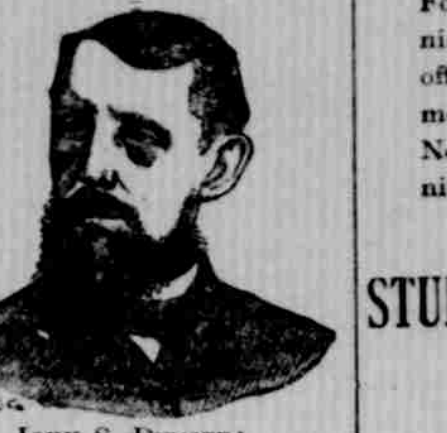
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JOHN S. DYKSTRA, Hardware Merchant, No. 63 West Leonard street, Grand Rapids. COUNTY OF KENT, } STATE OF MICHIGAN. Subscribed and sworn to before me this eleventh (11) day of July, A. D. 1892. Notary Public in and for Kent County, Michigan.

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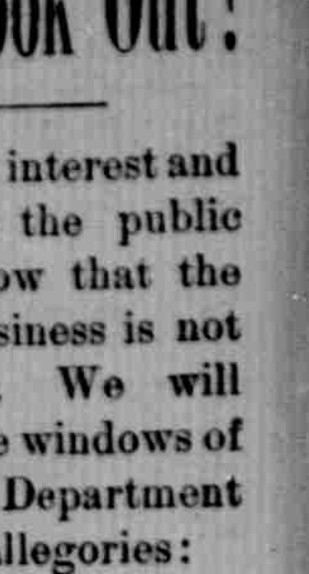
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